

I urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 that seeks to stop XM Radio from providing traffic and weather. I have chosen to pay for satellite radio service and feel that it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I'm permitted to hear.

I had given up on local radio completely. Then XM Radio came along providing content with quality and variety and caused me to start listening to radio once again.

I don't need radio that doesn't offer me what I want to listen to and that packages everything with inane promotionals, tons of commercials, stale weather forecasts and no news. Local radio has become the worst mess imaginable. The FM stations are bad; the AM stations are even worse and most of those frequencies should be used for something else entirely.

So local radio wants to squeal that satellite radio is stealing all they have left -- local news, weather and sports? Baloney! If local radio stations didn't all sound alike, didn't program for the lowest common denominator, and used an ounce of originality, they might have a chance to survive in the years ahead. As it is, they're finished. And no amount of legislation is going to save them.

Reject petition 04-160 and send local radio a clear message! Make radio interesting again with variety and quality and serve it up in a way that's palatable and you might not go the way of the dinosaurs!